

## PPERRIA Community Meeting

November 24, 2014  
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6:30 pm

### **Board of Directors Present:**

1. Richard Adams
2. Eric Amel
3. Stu Anderson
4. Dick Brownlee
5. David Coats (Sigrid absent)
6. Steve Cross
7. John Cushing
8. Kate Donahue
9. Tony Garmers (Greta absent)
10. Dick Gilyard
11. Susan Gottlieb
12. Ken Hampton
13. John Holmquist
14. Tamara Johnson
15. Charles Jorgensen (Sally absent)
16. Martha Joy
17. Dick Kain
18. Roger Kiemele
19. Tom Kilton
20. Christina Larson
21. Florence Littman
22. Dorothy Marden
23. Andy Mickel
24. Gordon Mosser
25. Dick Poppele (Meredith absent)
26. Evan Roberts
27. Serafina Scheel
28. Bill & Jane Seeley
29. John Wicks (Wendy absent)
30. Paul Zerby

### **Board of Directors Absent:**

1. Phil Anderson
2. Ted Goldbuff
3. Del Hampton
4. Susan Larson-Fleming
5. Ann Munt
6. Karen Murdock
7. John Orrison
8. Dan Peters
9. Joe Ring
10. Jerry & Margy Stein

### **Members & Community-at-Large Present:**

1. Robin Garwood, Council Member  
Ward 2 Policy Aide
2. George Bloom, guest
3. Betts Zerby, member
4. Julie Wallace, member
5. Diana Dukich, member
6. John Dukich, member
7. Vince Netz, member
8. Rob Nordin, member
9. Dick Wexler
10. Darla Wexler
11. Peggy Rejto, member
12. Cam Gordon, City Council Member  
Ward 2
13. Ian Klein, guest
14. Steve Ficker, member
15. Jessica Buchberger, PPERRIA staff

1. **Welcome & sign-in.** *Christina Larson*, PPERRIA President and meeting chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:30 pm. and asked that all sign in at the back of the room.
2. **Announcements.** The floor was opened for announcements:
  - A. **PPERRIA Nominations Committee.** *Christina Larson* announced that participants are now being sought for the PPERRIA Nominations Committee.
  - B. **Today's Refreshments.** *John Cushing* and *Martha Joy* provided refreshments for which all were for grateful and were acknowledged with thunderous applause.
3. **Discussions/presentations.**
  - A. **City's proposed ordinance on Accessory Dwelling Units.** *Robin Garwood*, Ward 2 Policy Aide, presented an overview of the Accessory Dwelling Units [ADUs] proposed ordinance. The proposal has passed the Planning Commission unanimously as well as the Zoning and Planning Committee 5 to 1, and is going before Council December 3<sup>rd</sup> [check]. Granny flats are secondary dwelling units allowed on a property even if typically not allowed in that zoning. It is one of three types, all of which have a separate entrance to the main dwelling unit: inside the house such as an attic flat or basement flat; attached; and detached. There are size restrictions starting with being smaller than the main dwelling unit. To address concerns, property has to be homesteaded and recorded against the deed of the house. The homesteader can live in either main or ADU. There are details in the proposal to control physical appearance and setbacks.

Discussion: Must be actual homestead, not relative homestead. In the deed, it is so recorded against the deed and an owner cannot rent out both. Title applies to both structures and cannot be separated. There are specific setback requirements. The application is not a license. Applications are made for review by a board of adjustment similar to zoning approval. The owner needs a rental license if renting. ADUs are regulated via building permit and via homesteading list. *Roger Kiemele* inquired as to who sponsored the proposed ordinance and is skeptical of use. *Mr. Garwood* said Ward 10 initiated and evidence is that it isn't used as suggested by *Mr. Kiemele* in example cities such as Seattle and Portland. *Julie Wallace* noted historically that in Motley, the Dartmouth each has a grannie flat supported 20 years ago. Cam's position is unknown. *Dick Brownlee* asked about a position by PPERRIA. *Richard Adams* said neighbors have asked the Executive Committee to have the Board of Directors take a stance. *Christina Larson* asked if anyone wanted to make a motion. None was offered.

- B. **Presentation of Cuningham study on Bedford/University Intersection.** *Tamara Johnson*, Master Planning Committee chair, presented the Bedford Intersection study. Cuningham Group was hired to conduct a process to study betterment of the intersection and a gateway to the city and neighborhood. Something that stands out was desired. A report has been made. There was a lot of ideation about what the neighborhood thought that intersection could be. Three concepts were made and one recommendation made. No further recommendation is being made by the committee at this time; just reporting receipt of the report. There is more greening, sculpture and safety is addressed. *Dick Kain* asked if realignment of the intersection was suggested. No. The report does not have an implementation plan. *Paul Zerby* said someone was hit years ago and light timing was changed. *Roger Kiemele* asked what the next step is. *Ms. Johnson* said we need to look at it to decide next steps.

- C. **Good Neighbor Fund Announcement.** *Jessica Buchberger*, PPERRIA staff, presented that the Good Neighbor Fund is taking project applications. The presence of the Vikings as tenants of the TCF Stadium over the next two years requires a contribution \$132K to the neighboring communities. Community oven, lampposts ornamentation, gardens, and other visible improvements to the neighborhood are ideal physical betterment projects. *Ms. Buchberger* encouraged the careful consideration of worthy projects. Deadline is a quickly approaching January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. With too short a timeline to designate a task force this year, the plan is to have the Executive Committee pick the strongest applications. A task force will be formed for next year. *Julie Wallace* spoke to encourage neighbors to bring forth good projects. Marcy Holmes gets a lot of this funding because of their perennial concerted effort. To apply or for more information, contact PPERRIA Staff *Jessica Buchberger*.
- D. **Parking Resolution.** *Evan Roberts* presented the Parking Task Force resolution alongside *Betts Zerby* and *Bill Seeley*, summarizing a survey of residents from October 2014: there was a random survey of selected households, and then a survey open to everyone else which was publicized on the e-list. Total number of responses was 102.. The city did counts of curbside parking utilization at various times of day between May and October. The survey outcome was bimodal. There was a concentration of concern and as well as a concentration of no concern and no need for adjustment. 80% polled were concerned with winter safety. The parking resolution is introduced as follows:

*Whereas, a survey of Prospect Park residents showed that 62.5% of Prospect Park residents are concerned about safety and accessibility in winter months on the streets of Prospect Park, and,*

*Whereas, some streets in Prospect Park are narrower than 28 feet making it difficult for vehicles to make their way through those streets when there are narrowed streets due to snow accumulation,*

*Now Therefore, the Prospect Park/East River Road Improvement Association request the City of Minneapolis to restrict parking to one side of the street during November 15 to April 1 on all streets in Prospect Park North of Franklin Avenue and South of University Avenue, and west of Bedford Street, and east of Williams Avenue that are 28 feet or narrower.*

Discussion by non-Board neighbors: One neighbor asked if there are other Franklin proposals. No, as Franklin is wider than 28 feet. *Ms. Zerby* said the resolution represents the broadest recommendation. The city would like a recommendation from PPERRIA. Is there a possibility of alternating by year? Even-side no parking is permanent signage. *Mr. Roberts* said *Peter Waganus* offered an alternate solution to request temporary no-parking signs for specific locations during the winter if snow accumulation had narrowed streets sufficiently to make this necessary. *Rob Nordin* said LRT 'park and riders' are filling all available on-street parking on several streets. Also said 75% of a street needs to be in favor to require permit parking on that street. Another neighbor made a suggestion to change ordinance. A neighbor observed that many people find space off-street when forced to one-side parking.

4. **Next Board Meeting.** The next meeting will be 26 January 2015.
5. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

## PPERRIA Board of Directors Meeting

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7:15 pm

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1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order by chair and PPERRIA President *Christina Larson*. A quorum of the Board was in attendance.
2. **Consent Agenda.** *Christina Larson* presented the Consent Agenda for approval consisting of the Board of Directors meeting minutes for October; Executive Committee minutes for October; Administration Committee report (including Treasurer's reports) for November; Master Planning Committee report for October; Membership & Communication Committee report for October; and, Historic District Committee report for November, SE Library Steering Report for November. *Tamara Johnson* moved to approve. *Dick Kain* seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
3. **Regular Agenda.** *Christina Larson* presented the Regular Agenda for approval. *Andy Mickel* moved to approve. *Jane Seeley* seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
4. **Action Items.**
  - A. **Parking Task Force recommendation.** *Christina Larson* asked for a motion to reintroduced the resolution introduced and discussed during tonight's Neighborhood Program as follows:

*Whereas, a survey of Prospect Park residents showed that 62.5% of Prospect Park residents are concerned about safety and accessibility in winter months on the streets of Prospect Park, and,*

*Whereas, some streets in Prospect Park are narrower than 28 feet making it difficult for vehicles to make their way through those streets when there are narrowed streets due to snow accumulation,*

*Now Therefore, the Prospect Park/East River Road Improvement Association request the City of Minneapolis to restrict parking to one side of the street during November 15 to April 1 on all streets in Prospect Park North of Franklin Avenue and South of University Avenue, and west of Bedford Street, and east of Williams Avenue that are 28 feet or narrower.*

Discussion: *Tamara Johnson* asked why is the resolution better than *Peter Waganus*'s suggestion that temporary no-parking signs be requested for specific locations during the winter if snow accumulation had narrowed streets sufficiently to make this necessary: Because the City solution of Snow Emergency is ad hoc and there are a lot of issues during those conditions said *Bill Seely*. Shared opinion is that the Snow Emergency system is chaotic. *Betts Zerby* added that 28-foot streets or narrower are common in Prospect Park whereas the City average is wider. Additionally, the curvy street layout adds further complexity for navigating clogged streets. In talking to officials, *Ms. Zerby* believes the city has decided that they are open to consideration, and that it is more difficult to attempt a policy change for the whole city. *Roger Kiemele* commended the Task Force for working with the City. Task Force said they were very accommodating. Discussion digressed momentarily to the Franklin redesign. *Paul Zerby* said that nothing prevents the City from removing snow. *John Cushing* asked about big commercial trucks parked on the street. *Dick Kain* talked about no parking on a curve near his residence is

critical. This will not change this condition said *Cam Gordon*. *Gordon Mosser* took exception with the exclusion of certain specific street locations. *Ken Hampton* asked what are the implications for plowing and snow removal. *Dick Brownlee* asked if there is a plan to make available a review process to residents if taken up by the City. Task force response is that the survey and the elist dialogue have been the process as well as *Mr. Seeley* having talked to 30 people last winter. *Dick Poppele* forcefully pleaded that what is important is that an emergency vehicle can get to his house and any other neighbor's in an emergency, and not have this critical public service blocked by parked cars making the street prohibitively narrow.

*Mr. Cushing* called the question. Seconded. The discussion was unanimously concluded on a voice vote.

Parking Task Force has previously moved to approve the resolution and seconded. A voice vote was taken with the majority of ayes in favor of the resolution. No nays. One abstained: *John Wicks*. Motion carries. Applause.

City Council Member *Cam Gordon* stated that the permanent signs could not be implemented this winter. Temporary signs may be able to be placed by Public Works staff after receiving the resolution from PPERRIA.

## 5. Reports/Discussions

- A. PPERRIA Nominations Committee. *Christina Larson* asked that participants step forward for the PPERRIA Nominations Committee. The Bylaws require that the Nominations Committee to be formed at the January meeting of the Corporation.

## 6. Other Business

- A. City's proposed ordinance on Accessory Dwelling Units [ADUs]. *Roger Kiemele* brought to the floor the business of the ADU proposed ordinance. The following resolution was made:

*Resolved, that a letter to Minneapolis City Council should be written stating that PPERRIA is opposed to Accessory Dwelling Units.*

*John Wicks* seconded. Discussion: *Florence Littman*, having read the 82-page report, said East Como came out against the ordinance. *Bill Seeley* contended that the ordinance has the unintended consequence of allowing building and then home business run out of home and thinks its not consistent. Furthermore, *Mr. Seeley* said people could rent the units and this would bring additional cars to the neighborhood. *Serafina Scheel* spoke in favor of the ordinance pointing to added flexibility to fit lifestyle and the ability for family members to stay at home and in the neighborhood. *Paul Zerby* asked if the issue could this be laid on the table by the Board, and further, could it be tabled at Council? *Mr. Zerby* suggested that PPERRIA write a letter to put the issue over one cycle at City Council. *Dick Poppele* spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance: if the unit is a rental, there must be a homeowner. What we have in the neighborhood is absenteeism. This proposal is good as a step in the right direction. There is a good structure of checks and balances outlined in the proposal. *Evan Roberts* supports reduced pressure on significant pressure to tear down existing properties for redevelopment. Further, this type of housing arrangement appeals to higher level, quiet students and professionals. *Mr. Zerby*

questioned *Cam Gordon* directly on deferment. *Dick Gilyard* stated his opinion that this is a done deal as we are late to the game and also that there are very few sites in the Park that could be harnessed in this way, and for those that are possible, PPERRIA can use the pending Conservation Ordinance to further control in addition to the provisions of the proposed ordinance.

*Richard Adams* called the question. Seconded. The discussion was unanimously concluded on a voice vote.

*Christina Larson* called for a roll call vote on the resolution as stated: Nay: 19, Aye: 8, Abstain: 3. Motion does not carry. No further motions were made.

7. **Adjourn.** *Christina Larson* requested a motion to adjourn the meeting that was answered by *Paul Zerby*, seconded and approved on a voice vote by many board members simultaneously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Amel', with a vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Eric Amel  
PPERRIA Secretary

APPROVED as amended by the Board of Directors, 26 January 2015.